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FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE - TANZANIAN REACTION TO AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S SPEECH

1. MR. MUGANDA, TANZANIAN ASSISTANT TO UN NAMIBIAN COMMISSIONER
AHTISSAARI, APPROACHED DEL OFF MAY 20 TO EXPRESS STRONG
TANZANIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. AFRICAN POLICES AND THE EFFORTS
OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO GENERATE A
PROCESS OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

2. MUGANDA, WHO IS A SON-IN-LAW OF PRESIDENT NYERERE AND
ONLY RECENTLY JOINED AHTISAARI'S STAFF IN NEW YORK SAID THAT
HE HAD PASSED THROUGH DAR EN ROUTE TO MAPUTO AND MET SEVERAL
TIMES WITH NYERERE. HE SAID NYERERE TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT
THE SHIFT OF U.S. POLICY UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER AND OUR
NEGOTIATION INITIATIVES WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. HE SAID
TANZANIA SHOULD BE FIRST AMONG AFRICANS IN SUPPORTING
AMERICAN EFFORTS. HE SAID ALL DOUBT ABOUT U.S. COMMITMENT
TO THE TASK SHOULD BE LAID ASIDE BY THE FIRM APPROACH OF THE
U.S. TO VORSTER ON NAMIBIA. NYERERE IS NATURALLY MORE SKEPTICAL
ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR WESTERN SUCCESS IN RHODESIA, BUT EVEN
THERE THE U.S. INTENT IS PLAIN AND MUST BE SUPPORTED. EVEN WHEN
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TANZANIA DIFFERS ON METHODS AND CRITICIZES THE U.S., IT DOES
NOT ALTER ITS BASIC ATTITUDE.

3. MUGANDA SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO PASS ON THIS
MESSAGE OF SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG. HE
WAS MOVED TO SPEAK OF HIS DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF NYERERE'S
ATTITUDE, HOWEVER, BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARK IN HIS SPEECH

MAY 19 THAT SOME IN AFRICA MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE
THAT THE U.S. INTENT IS SERIOUS AND TURNED TO AFRICAN INTERESTS.
MUGANDA SAID NYERERE IS PERSUADED, AND HE THINKS MORE AND MORE
AFRICANS ARE NOW PREPARED TO WORK WITH US.

4. MUGANDA SAID HE WANTED TO BE SURE WE KNEW THAT NYERERE
UNDERSTANDS WHAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG CONVEYED IN HIS SPEECH. HE
URGED US TO CONTINUE KEEPING NYERERE CLOSELY INFORMED OF OUR
THINKING AND OUR PLANS.

5. COMMENT: MUGANDA IS THE FOURTH TANZANIAN AT MAPUTO
CONFERENCE TO BRING US THIS MESSAGE OF NYERERE'S SUPPORT
FOR OUR NEW AFRICAN POLICY.
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